

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 21 and 24 to 29 are in the case.

The International Preliminary Examination Report was favourable with respect to original claims 1 to 29.

The changes made in the claims are to avoid multiple dependencies, to reduce the number of claims by cancellation of product-by-method claims 22 and 23; and to amend claim 24 so as to refer to claim 27 for definition of the pulp. PTO/SB/08A/B is submitted identifying the references of the International Search Report and the references acknowledged in the specification of the application.

A copy of the International Search Report is included with the copy of the published International application referred to in Item 20 of the Transmittal Letter. The Search Report should in any event have been communicated by the International Bureau as shown in Form PCT/IB/308.

Favorable consideration of the application is requested.

Respectfully,



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Enclosures